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TO: Providers of Pharmaceutical Services; **For Action**

SUBJECT: Required Enrollment of Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) Participating Pharmacy Providers in the Medicare Program

EFFECTIVE: For claims with service dates on or after September 1, 2000

BACKGROUND: Chapter 53, Public Laws of 2000 states, "Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, no funds appropriated in the Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled programs are available to pharmacies who have not submitted an application to enroll by September 1, 2000 as an approved medical supplier in the Medicare program, unless they already are an approved Medicare medical supplier. Pharmacies will not be required to bill Medicare directly. Beneficiaries are responsible for the applicable PAAD copayment."

Certain prescription drugs and diabetic materials covered by PAAD are eligible for reimbursement by the Medicare program as medical supply services. These drugs include certain oral/injectable chemotherapy drugs, immunosuppressant drugs, anti-neoplastic drugs, epoetin alfa (EPO) injections, pneumococcal pneumonia vaccines, influenza vaccines, hepatitis B vaccines, bronchodilator drugs, oral anti-emetics associated with cancer chemotherapy and diabetic materials.

ACTION: Effective for claims with dates of service on or after September 1, 2000, Chapter 53, Public Laws of 2000 require that all PAAD participating providers of pharmaceutical services also become approved as Medicare providers of medical supply services.

Claims with dates of service on or after September 1, 2000, submitted by a provider of pharmaceutical services not approved as a Medicare provider of medical supply services, or a provider that has not shown a good faith effort to apply and become a Medicare provider, shall be denied continued participation in the PAAD program.

In order for the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) to properly identify those pharmacies approved as Medicare providers of medical supply services, pharmacies participating in the PAAD program must validate their enrollment in the Medicare program as approved providers of medical supply services **no later than September 1, 2000.**

One of the following documents **must** be submitted to DHSS to validate the enrollment of a pharmacy in the Medicare program as an approved provider of medical supply services:

- 1.) A recent copy of an original HCFA 1500 claim form indicating the Medicare medical supplier identification number for the pharmacy associated medical supplier and its service location. Please write your Medicaid/PAAD Provider number and Federal Tax ID # on the form.
- 2.) A copy of a recent remittance advice message from HCFA with your Medicare medical supplier identification number indicating payment of a Medicare claim. Please write your Medicaid/PAAD Provider number and Federal Tax ID# on the remittance advice.
- 3.) An approval letter from the National Supplier Clearinghouse (NSC) indicating your Medicare medical supplier identification number. Please write your Medicaid/PAAD Provider number and Federal Tax ID# on the approval letter.
- 4.) If your pharmacy has submitted an application to become a Medicare provider, but has not yet received an approval letter from the NSC, please submit a copy of your completed application to insure that you may continue to participate in the PAAD program. Please write your Medicaid/PAAD Provider number and Federal Tax ID # on the copy of the application.

If you are not already enrolled as a Medicare provider, you must contact the National Supplier Clearinghouse (NSC), P.O. Box 100142, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202-3142 for an application. The NSC may be contacted at (803) 754-3951 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. According to the NSC, approximately 8-10 weeks are required for a Medicare provider application to be processed. The NSC will require the following information:

1. Your federal tax identification number (or employer identification number, if required); and
2. The name and address of the pharmacy associated medical supplier.

An application fee is not required to request enrollment as a medical supplier in the Medicare program.

Please submit the HCFA 1500, remittance advice message, NSC approval letter **or** copy of the completed application to:

PAAD Program
Attention: Zankhana Desai, R.Ph.
P.O. Box 719
Trenton, NJ 08625-0719

If you have any questions regarding PAAD or concerning this Newsletter, please contact the PAAD Pharmacist Consultant at (609) 588-7640.



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